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MEMORANDUM FOR: David Aaron

FROM:

Deputy to the Director of  
Central Intelligence for Resource Management

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SUBJECT:

Presentation of national intelligence and  
defense budgets in Spring Review.

I would like to call upon you later this week to discuss presentations of the national foreign intelligence and defense budgets in Spring Review. The Office of Management and Budget plans to follow past procedures and link the two budgets. That is, when the total figure for the defense budget is debated, that figure will include the costs for both defense and national foreign intelligence programs. This, in effect, means that the two budgets are in competition. We feel that in order for the DCI to have "full and complete authority" over the national foreign intelligence budget, that budget should be reviewed separately from the defense budget. The Secretary of Defense has stated that he too prefers separate consideration. From discussions with Bob Rosenberg of your staff, I gather that you might also be willing to support this position. I would like to outline for you our reasons for believing that this separation is necessary and discuss with you ways of dissuading OMB from their present plan.

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cc: Robert Rosenberg

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